

and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or]  
and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information  
concerning copying permission on a digitized video signal [or]  
and/or audio signal or embedding the information therein, said  
reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means for reproducing] a reproducing unit which  
reproduces the information concerning copying permission  
superimposed on or embedded in the video data [or] and/or  
audio data;

[means for determining] a determining unit which  
determines whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium  
dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium; and

[means for stopping] a stopping unit which stops  
reproduction in response to [that] the information reproduced  
by said [permission information] reproducing [means indicates]  
unit indicating that copying once was permitted and a result  
of the determining by said determining [means indicates] unit  
indicating that the medium is a medium dedicated to  
reproduction.

2. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing  
video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to  
reproduction [or] and/or a recordable medium having video data  
[or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or]  
and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information

concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means for reproducing] a reproducing unit which reproduces the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means for determining] a determining unit which determines whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium;

an error correction [means for conducting] unit which conducts error correction according to an added correction code; and

[means for destroying] a destroying unit which destroys reproduced data so as to make the video data [or] and/or audio data [inreproducible] non-reproducible in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information reproducing means indicates] reproducing unit indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of the determining by said determining [means indicates] unit indicating that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction.

3. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction [or] and/or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information

concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means for reproducing] a reproduction unit which reproduces the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means for determining] a determining unit which determines whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium;

an error correction [means for conducting] unit which conducts error correction according to an added correction code; and

[means for destroying] a destroying unit which destroys video data [or] and/or audio data so as to make error detection of video data [or] and/or audio data not yet subjected to error correction processing possible and make error correction thereof impossible in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information] reproducing [means indicates] unit indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of the determination by the determining [indicates] unit indicating that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction.

4. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproducor a recordable medium having video data or audio data

recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means for reproducing] a reproducing unit which reproduces the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means for identifying] an identifying unit which identifies whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium;

[means for stopping] a stopping unit which stops reproduction in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information] reproducing [means indicates] unit indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of the [determining indicates] identification by the identifying unit indicating that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction; and

[means for outputting] an output unit which outputs video data [or] and/or audio data representing a reason of stoppage.

5. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information

concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means for reproducing] a reproducing unit which reproduces the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means for identifying] an identifying unit which identifies whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium;

an error correction [means for conducting] unit which conducts error correction according to an added correction code;

[means for destroying] a destroying unit which destroys video data [or] and/or audio data so as to make error detection of video data [or] and/or audio data not yet subjected to error correction processing possible and make error correction thereof impossible in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information] reproducing [means indicates] unit indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of the identification by the identifying [indicates] unit indicating that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction; and

[means for outputting] an output unit which outputs video data [or] and/or audio data representing a reason why reproduction is not possible.

6. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means for reproducing] a reproducing unit which reproduces the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means for determining] a determining unit which determines whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium;

[means for stopping] a stopping unit which stops reproduction in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information] reproducing [means indicates] unit indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of the determining [indicates] by the determining unit indicating that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction; and

[means for outputting] an output unit which outputs a control signal, the control signal instructing a video signal [or] and/or audio signal representing a reason of stoppage to be outputted.

7. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means for reproducing] a reproducing unit which reproduces the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means for determining] a determining unit which determines whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium;

an error correction [means for conducting] unit which conducts error correction according to an added correction code;

[means for destroying] a destroying unit which destroys video data [or] and/or audio data so as to make error detection of video data [or] and/or audio data not yet subjected to error correction processing possible and make error correction thereof impossible in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information] reproducing [means indicates] unit indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of the determining [indicates] by the determining unit indicating that the medium is a medium

dedicated to reproduction; and

[means for outputting] an output unit which outputs a control signal, the control signal instructing video data [or] and/or audio data representing a reason why reproduction is impossible to be outputted.

8. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data and a medium identification code recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said medium identification code identifying the medium dedicated to reproduction or the recordable medium, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

a permission information reproduction circuit reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data or audio data;

a medium identification code detection circuit detecting the medium identification code; and

a reproduction stopping circuit stopping reproduction in response to [that] the information reproduced by said permission information reproduction circuit [indicates] indicating that copying once was permitted and that the medium



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10. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

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[means] a reproduction unit for reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means] a detection unit for detecting reflectance of a disk;

[means] a determining unit for determining whether the disk is a recordable medium or a medium dedicated to reproduction [or a recordable medium] on the basis of the reflectance of the disk; and

[means] a stopping unit for stopping reproduction in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information reproducing means indicates] reproduction unit indicating that copying once was permitted and said determining [means indicates] unit indicating that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction.

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11. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data and a medium identification code recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said medium identification code identifying the medium dedicated to reproduction or the recordable medium, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

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[means] a reproduction unit for reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means] an identification detection unit for detecting the medium identification code;

[means] a reflectance detection unit for detecting reflectance of a disk;

[means] a determining unit for determining whether the disk is a recordable medium or a medium dedicated to reproduction [or a recordable medium] on the basis of the reflectance of the disk; and

[means] a stopping unit for stopping reproduction provided that the information reproduced by said [permission information reproducing means] reproduction unit indicates that copying once was permitted and the medium identification

code or the [disk] determining [means] unit indicates a medium dedicated to reproduction.

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12. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said medium dedicated to reproduction having no wobbled grooves, said recordable medium having wobbled grooves, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means] a reproduction unit for reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data or audio data;

[means] a wobble detection unit for detecting wobbled grooves existing on a disk; and

[means] a stopping unit for stopping reproduction provided that the information reproduced by said [permission information reproducing means] reproduction unit indicates that copying once was permitted and said wobble detecting [means] unit does not detect wobbled grooves.

13. (amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to

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reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data and a medium identification code recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said medium identification code identifying the medium dedicated to reproduction or the recordable medium, said medium dedicated to reproduction having no wobbled grooves, said recordable medium having wobbled grooves, said reproduction apparatus comprising:

[means] a reproducing unit for reproducing the information concern copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

[means] a wobble detecting unit for detecting wobbled grooves existing on a disk;

[means] an identification unit for detecting the medium identification code; and

[means] a stopping unit for stopping reproduction in response to [that] the information reproduced by said [permission information reproducing means] reproducing unit indicating indicates that copying once was permitted, and said wobble detecting [means] unit does not detect wobbled grooves or the medium identification code indicates a medium dedicated to reproduction.

14. (amended) A reproduction method for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said reproduction method comprising the steps of:

reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

determining whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium; and

stopping reproduction in response to the information reproduced by said [permission] information reproducing step indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of said determining step indicating a medium dedicated to reproduction.

15. (amended) A reproduction method for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said reproduction method comprising the

steps of:

reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data [or] and/or audio data;

determining whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium;

conducting error correction according to an added correction code;

in response to the information reproduced by said [permission] information reproducing step indicating that copying once was permitted and a result of said determining step indicating a medium dedicated to reproduction, destroying reproduced data so as to make reproduction of the video data [or] and/or audio data impossible and simultaneously judging error correction to be impossible.

16. (amended) A computer-readable program encoded in a memory medium, said program being executed in a computer to execute operation for reproducing video data [or] and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data [or] and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data [or] and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal [or] and/or audio signal, said operation comprising:

reproducing the information concerning copying consent